

MR. MAY: Thank you. My name is Kenneth May, I'm the general manager at the SUFCO Mine. A three-year moratorium on leasing of coal reserves on federal lands imposed by the Department of the Interior is absolutely unnecessary and is, in my opinion, another attempt by this administration to impact coal mining and coal-fired generation of electricity in the United States. The coal leasing program does not need a major reform and certainly not a full stop. The current program fairly values coal and is a vital public resource which creates substantial revenue in Utah and in the nation. A move to replace it with new cost fees serves as no legitimate environmental or financial or public purpose. The mineral lease process is already too lengthy, as evident by the Greens Hollow lease 12 years in the making. And creating further delays under the guise of taking another look at federal coal program just shows that this administration is more concerned about satisfying the political benefactors than doing the best thing for the American public. Nationwide, coal mines on federal leases account for 42 -- I think somebody said 43, I've got 42 percent of all the US production. This moratorium could eliminate a major portion of domestic coal supplies, create less fuel diversity and seriously -- with serious consequences for power generation, both terms of affordability and reliability. Coal produces nearly 70 percent, or roughly 70 percent, of Utah's electricity and one-third of the electricity in the United States. States like Utah, with high levels of coal-generated power, enjoy the lowest energy costs in the nation. Affordable coal faces yet another obstacle from Federal Government. Low cost energy is good for families, good for businesses. Energy costs are rising, even in the face of using coal, in part due to shortsighted regulations that make coal-fired electricity generation costly. Families are paying a higher and higher percentage of their monthly income toward energy, forcing them to forgo other expenses and in some cases making it difficult to pay rent. Simply put, affordable power reduces costs and allows a sustainable economy. Higher -- let me see, I better skip a bunch of this then and get down to -- the benefit of central and rural region of Utah, SUFCO employs 383 people and accounts for as many as 300 truck driving jobs. SUFCO Mine delivers to Utah County and families \$43 million in payroll, \$81 million in supplies and services, \$4.4 million in utility costs, \$2 million in local property tax, \$7.2 million in production tax, \$24.2 million in royalties to the Federal Government, 36 million to the local

trucking jobs, a total of \$188 million in direct and indirect benefits to our part of the state. And I'll stop there. I've got a lot more. Thank you.